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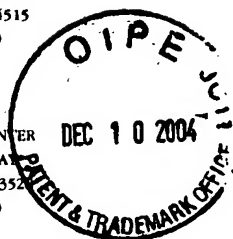
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**Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/019,195 of HANNIG, Hans-Jurgen
et al. for their "Panel and Panel Fastening System", Filed: June 3, 2002;
Our Docket No. 09646/4**

Honorable Commissioner:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Amendment/Response to the Official Action dated September 9, 2004 (9 pages plus 3 sheets of substitute drawings and 3 marked-up drawings).
2. Substitute specification and Marked-Up Copy Showing Changes (22 pages each).
3. Our post card. Please date stamp and return.

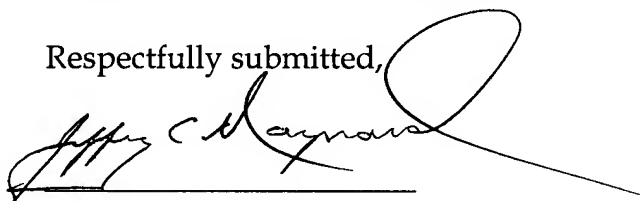
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Fee Requirements for Claims as Amended

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small/Large Entity Rate	Fee
Total	12	Minus	21	0	\$9/\$18	\$0.00
Independent	2	Minus	3	0	\$42/\$84	\$0.00
Amendment adds multiple dependent claims					\$140/\$280	\$0.00
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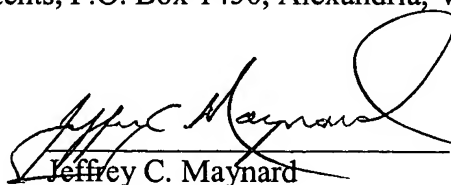
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